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15 May 1973

Mr. Thomson von Stein
Division of Enforcement
Securities and Exchange Commission
Washington, D. C. 20549

Dear Mr. von Stein:

Thank you for your letter of 4 April 1973 regarding translations of articles on Robert L. Vesco's activities in Costa Rica.

You are correct in your understanding that we do not translate all articles on Mr. Vesco which appear in the foreign press. The materials we translate relate solely to our interests in current economic and political developments in Central America. Obviously no student of Central American affairs can afford to be uninformed about recent events in Costa Rica which impact on political or economic developments in that country.

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But we have neither the authority nor the responsibility to respond to a collection requirement targeted specifically against a U.S. citizen. Such activity exceeds our charter and this is why we translate only those articles which reflect on the political and economic situations in Costa Rica.

Therefore I must regretfully decline your request to provide your office with foreign press items on Mr. Vesco's activities.

Faithfully yours,

Director

*Letter not sent.
Substance given
to von Stein by
telephone 6/4/73*



SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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E. H. Knoche
Office of the Director
Foreign Broadcast Information Service
P. O. Box 2604
Washington, D. C. 20013

Re: SEC v. Robert L. Vesco et al.
72 Civ. 5001, U.S.D.C., SDNY

Dear Mr. Knoche:

We wish to thank you for sending to us translations of articles on Robert L. Vesco's activities in Costa Rica. I have been in communication with [REDACTED] of your liason office on this matter.

For our own purposes we do have an interest in attempting to learn of his activities which are now principally offshore.

We request therefore that, if the workload of your service permits, that we be sent very brief summaries, perhaps merely one sentence summaries, of articles which do appear in foreign media so that we can, if necessary, obtain the full text for our own translation.

We understand that Mr. Vesco has made overtures to do business in other countries besides Costa Rica, particularly Morocco, the Dominican Republic, and Panama.

We would therefore request as well that, if your workload permits, that we be furnished similar brief summaries of articles on Mr. Vesco which may appear in the press of other countries, particularly the ones mentioned above.

If you have any questions, my number is (202) 755-1764.

Sincerely,

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<p>Remarks:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Here are a copy of the SEC's letter to Hank Knoche requesting press materials on Vesco's activities abroad, and our draft reply. As we discussed yesterday, Hank and Paul Walsh would prefer that OGC reply to the SEC for</p> <div style="background-color: black; width: 400px; height: 20px; margin-left: 40px;"></div> <div style="background-color: black; width: 300px; height: 100px; margin-left: 40px; margin-top: 20px;"></div>	
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